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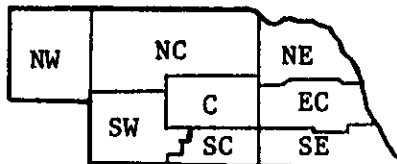
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WEATHER

Below normal temperatures occurred in the west Monday and Monday night and in the east Tuesday and Tuesday night. The remainder of the week had above normal temperatures until cooling off again Sunday. Precipitation was light and scattered throughout the State.

GENERAL

Another week of excellent harvesting weather moved row crop harvesting closer to completion across Nebraska. Winter wheat condition varied across the State. Crop growth and development has been limited by less than adequate soil moisture supplies in many western and central fields. Many farmers were actively involved in fall tillage operations preparing fields for next year's cropping. Livestock were being moved into harvested row crop fields to graze crop residues.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated adequate in only 22% and short in the remaining 78% of the State. Subsoil moisture was rated short in 69% of the counties. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated adequate or above in 75% and short in 25% while subsoil moisture was adequate in nearly 85% of the State.

CROPS

Harvesting of the State's corn crop was nearly 85% complete, ahead of last year's 75% and the normal of 70%.

Grain sorghum harvest was entering the final stages rating at 95% complete. This was ahead of last year and normal of 85%.

Soybeans were 95% harvested, also ahead of last year's 85% and normal of 90%. Only a few fields in east central and southeast Nebraska remain to be harvested.

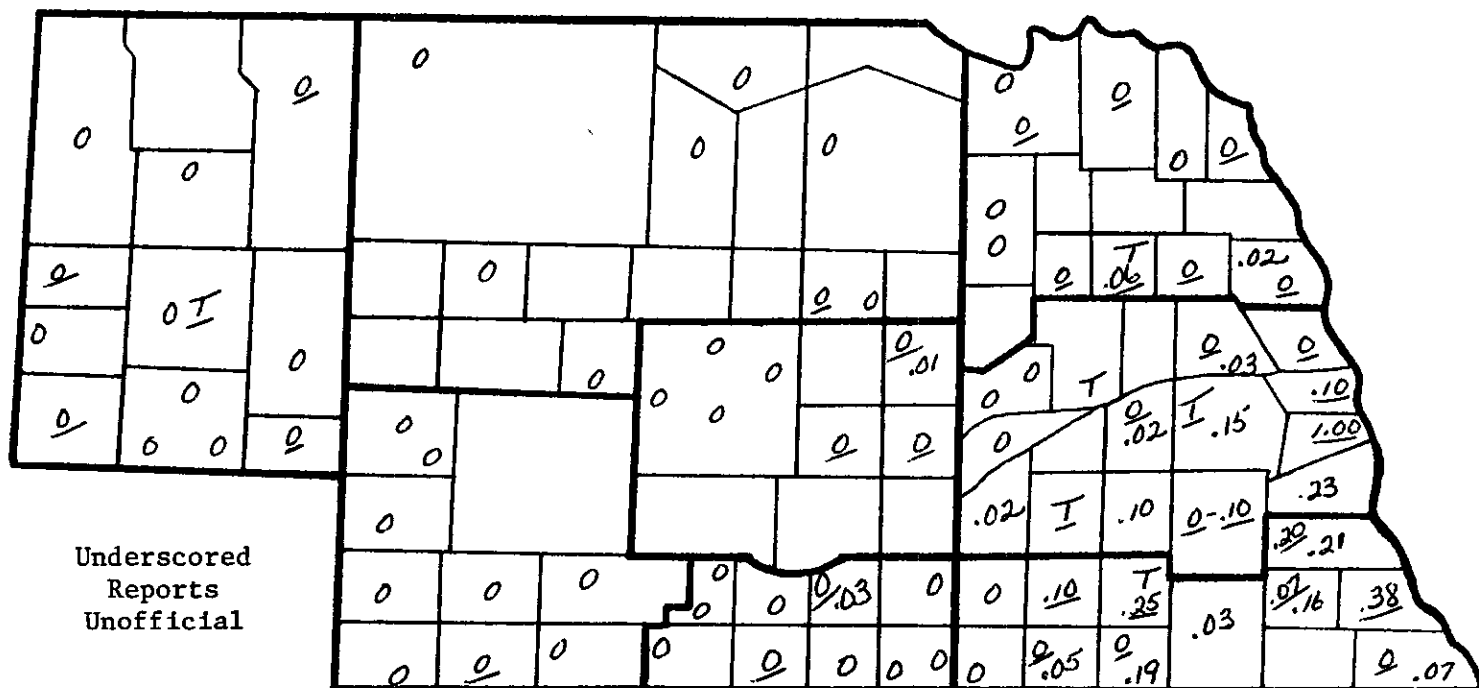
Sugar beet and dry bean harvesting was in the wind-up stage at the week's end.

Winter wheat condition showed nearly 40% of the counties rating good to excellent and 50% in fair condition. Many western and central wheat fields are in need of additional moisture to promote good seasonal growth and root development.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock were being shifted into harvested row crop fields for grazing as fence work was completed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1978

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	79	21	48	0
	Scottsbluff	76	27	49	0
	Sidney	72	23	47	0
NC	Burwell	76	26	50	0
	Valentine	79	19	48	0
NE	Norfolk	79	28	53	T
	Sioux City	81	28	53	T
CEN	Grand Island	79	30	52	.02
EC	Lincoln	76	31	54	.18
	Omaha	74	36	55	.08
SW	Imperial	76	34	52	0
	North Platte	76	26	49	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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